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We proposed to use the IUE, ROSAT, ASCA, and HST archival data, complemented by data obtained from ground-based observatories, to study the physical structure of the interstellar medium as a result of interactions between massive stars and the ambient medium.

During the granting period, we have carried out the major tasks proposed originally and reported the results in a large number of papers. The papers published during the last two years below. We conclude that this program has been highly successfully.

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